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REVAMPING OF MAJOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an investment of over Rs.50,000 crore has been approved for upgrading, expanding and revamping the 12 major sea ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the break-up of financial outlay, year-wise;

(d) whether the infrastructure available after completion of these projects would be comparable to the best in similar ports around the globe;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the work is likely to be completed in all these major sea ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (f): The Department of Shipping has formulated the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP). Under the Programme, a total of 387 projects involving an investment of Rs.1,00,339 crores have been identified to be taken up for implementation over a defined period. Out of this, 276 projects involving an investment of Rs.55,804 crores have been identified in the 12 Major Ports. The projects in the Major Ports relate to deepening of port channels, development of berths, modernization and upgradation of cargo handling equipment, enhancement of rail/road connectivity between the ports and the hinterland and other associated projects. Out of the investment for the Major Ports, Rs.34,505 crores are envisaged through private investment mainly in commercially viable activities like berths/terminals. The projects identified under the Programme are expected to be taken up for implementation over a period upto 2011-12. However, the year-wise financial outlays would depend on the timeframes involved in various processes like approval of the Competent Authority and the award of work for individual projects under the Programme as also the pace of execution and related factors including the demand projection and the funds availability. The objective is to upgrade and modernise the port infrastructure in India which will enable it to benchmark its performance against global standards.